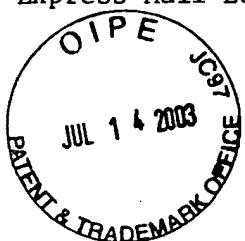


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1. We enclose the following documents:

- Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs.), in duplicate
- Amendment (6 pgs.), in response to Office Action dated May 2, 2002, including Appendix (1 pg.)
- Return postcard

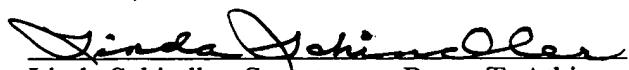
STATUS

2. Applicant

claims small entity status.
 is other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to the Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: July 14, 2003


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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
second month	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
fourth month	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00
fifth month	\$1,970.00	\$ 985.00

Fee: _____ \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		ADDITIONAL. RATE FEE OR		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	
TOTAL INDEP.	MINUS			=		x \$9 =	\$	x \$18 =	\$
	MINUS			=		x \$42 =	\$	x \$84 =	\$
<u> </u> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+ \$140 =	\$	+ \$280 =	\$
						TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	

(a) No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$

 Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. Other:


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